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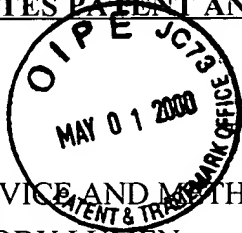
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Title: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTABLY  
RESTRICTING A BODY LUMEN



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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (AMENDED) An implantable device, [adapted for being surgically implanted within body tissue adjacent to a body lumen, the device] comprising:

a pressurizable expandable element, [said expandable element being attached pressure-tightly onto] attached to an [elongated] elongate conduit element near its forward end, said conduit element including a rear port portion and having a first passageway connecting said rear port portion [and] to said [forward] expandable element, [wherein] said expandable element [has an initial contracted shape and is] expandable to [an] enlarged shapes [shape] by addition of a flowable material using an external source provided into said rear port portion, said rear port portion adapted for providing fluid communication between the implantable device and the external source during adjustment and for automatically sealing the flowable material in the implantable device upon removal of the external source,

wherein the implantable device is adapted for implantation within body tissue with the expandable element adjacent a body lumen to provide volume to the body tissue for adjustable coaptation of the body lumen.

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2. (AMENDED) The implantable device according to claim 1, wherein said rear port portion [has a cavity which is in fluid communication with said first elongated passageway, and an] comprises an elastic septum [is contained pressure tightly in the cavity].

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